



# Welcome to Wabash County Highlights

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## SUMMARY OF WABASH COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Wabash County's population estimate for 2004 was 34,169 down 2.3 percent from the 2000 Census total. During this same time period, Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569 was up by 2.6 percent.

According to the 2000 Census 18,591 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 81.7 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population, 3,127 or 13.7 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 403 persons graduating high school that year, 283 or 70.2 percent intended to go on to higher education.

A total of 2,550 workers or 11.8 percent of the workforce commuted into Wabash County in 2003. Miami County was sending the most workers into the county. Conversely, 3,770 or 16.5 percent of the labor force commuted to work outside of Wabash County. Kosciusko County received the most workers from Wabash County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 6.1 percent, above Indiana's annual average of 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 17,480. Of that labor force 16,410 were employed and 1,070 were unemployed.

For the year 2004 there were 13,483 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was manufacturing with 32.9 percent of the total industry employment. Education and health services (includes private and government employment) was second at 24.7 percent.

The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was construction increasing by 98 workers or 23.7 percent above 2001. 15.1 percent of employers in the county employed 20 or more workers and those represented 76.2 percent of all employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$28,603 per year versus Indiana's \$34,693. The county average wage was an increase of 6.9 percent over the 2001 county industry average wage. None of Wabash County's 11 industry supersectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's manufacturing industry had the highest average earnings at \$38,682 per year, with construction second at \$31,849, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was leisure and hospitality services at \$10,034. The same industries statewide paid an average \$47,638, \$39,343, and \$13,875 per year, respectively.

## POPULATION

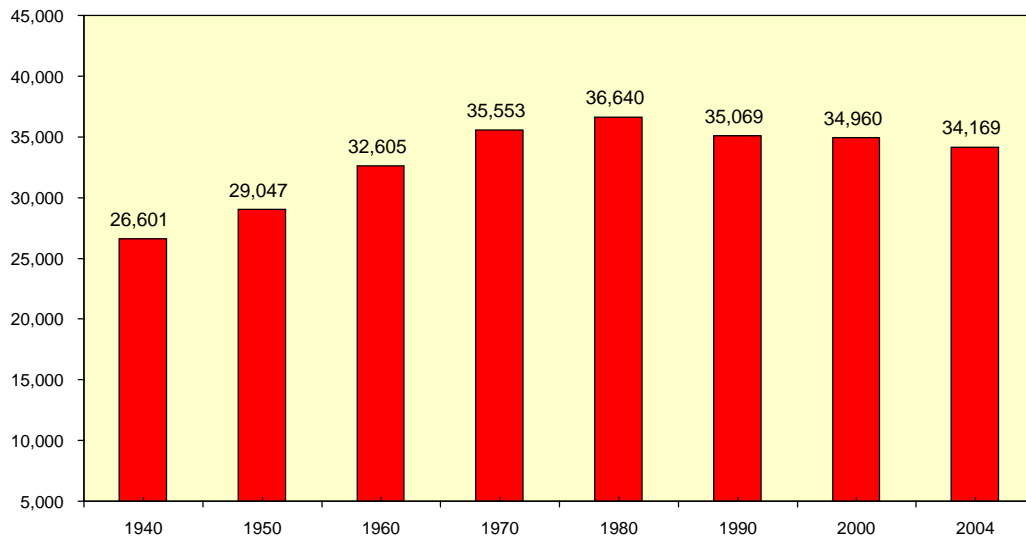
### WABASH COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY & Cities/Towns	1990 Census	2000 Census	2004 Population Estimates	NUMERICAL CHANGE FROM 2000-2004	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000-2004
<b>WABASH CO</b>	<b>35,069</b>	<b>34,960</b>	<b>34,169</b>	<b>(791)</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
LA FONTAINE	909	900	868	(32)	-3.6%
LAGRO	496	454	441	(13)	-2.9%
NORTH MANCHESTER	6,383	6,260	6,046	(214)	-3.4%
ROANN	447	400	385	(15)	-3.8%
WABASH	12,127	11,743	11,342	(401)	-3.4%

### WABASH COUNTY POPULATION

YEAR	POPULATION	NUMERICAL CHANGE	% CHANGE
1940	26,601	1,431	5.7%
1950	29,047	2,446	9.2%
1960	32,605	3,558	12.2%
1970	35,553	2,948	9.0%
1980	36,640	1,087	3.1%
1990	35,069	(1,571)	-4.3%
2000	34,960	(109)	-0.3%
2004	34,169	(791)	-2.3%

### WABASH COUNTY POPULATION



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1940-2000 Census and 2004 Population Estimate

## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

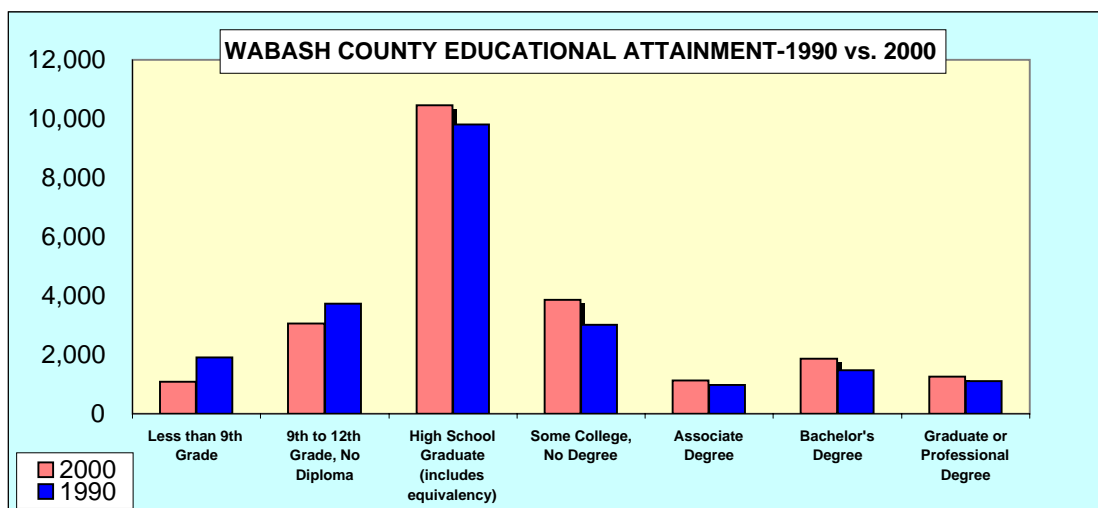
### WABASH COUNTY

#### 2004 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATION INTENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Graduates	403	100.0%
Total to Higher Education	283	70.2%
Four-Year Institution	207	51.4%
Two-Year Institution	43	10.7%
Vocation/Tech. Institution	33	8.2%

#### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION LEVEL	1990	% IN 1990	2000	% IN 2000
Less than 9th Grade	1,911	8.7%	1,087	4.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,726	16.9%	3,066	13.5%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	9,818	44.6%	10,467	46.0%
Some College, No Degree	3,014	13.7%	3,871	17.0%
Associate Degree	966	4.4%	1,126	5.0%
Bachelor's Degree	1,476	6.7%	1,864	8.2%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,097	5.0%	1,263	5.6%
<b>TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS &amp; OVER</b>	<b>22,008</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,744</b>	<b>100%</b>



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center, Stats Indiana and U.S. Census Bureau.

## COMMUTING PATTERNS

### WABASH COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS

Number of persons who live in Wabash County and work (labor force)	22,867
Number of persons who live in Wabash County and work in Wabash County	19,097
Number of persons who live out of and work in Wabash County	2,550
Total number of persons who work in Wabash County (work force)	21,647

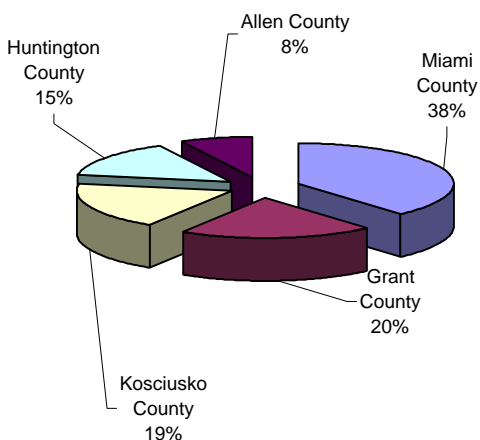
#### Top five counties sending workers INTO Wabash County:

Miami County	746
Grant County	395
Kosciusko County	365
Huntington County	282
Allen County	145
Total of above	1,933 workers equals 8.9% of work force

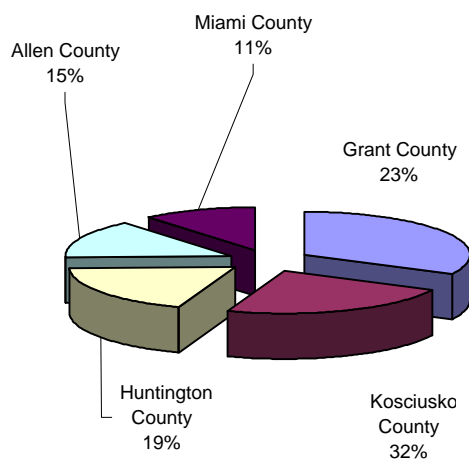
#### Top five counties receiving workers FROM Wabash County:

Kosciusko County	939
Grant County	662
Huntington County	543
Allen County	422
Miami County	319
Total of above	2,885 workers equals 12.6% of labor force

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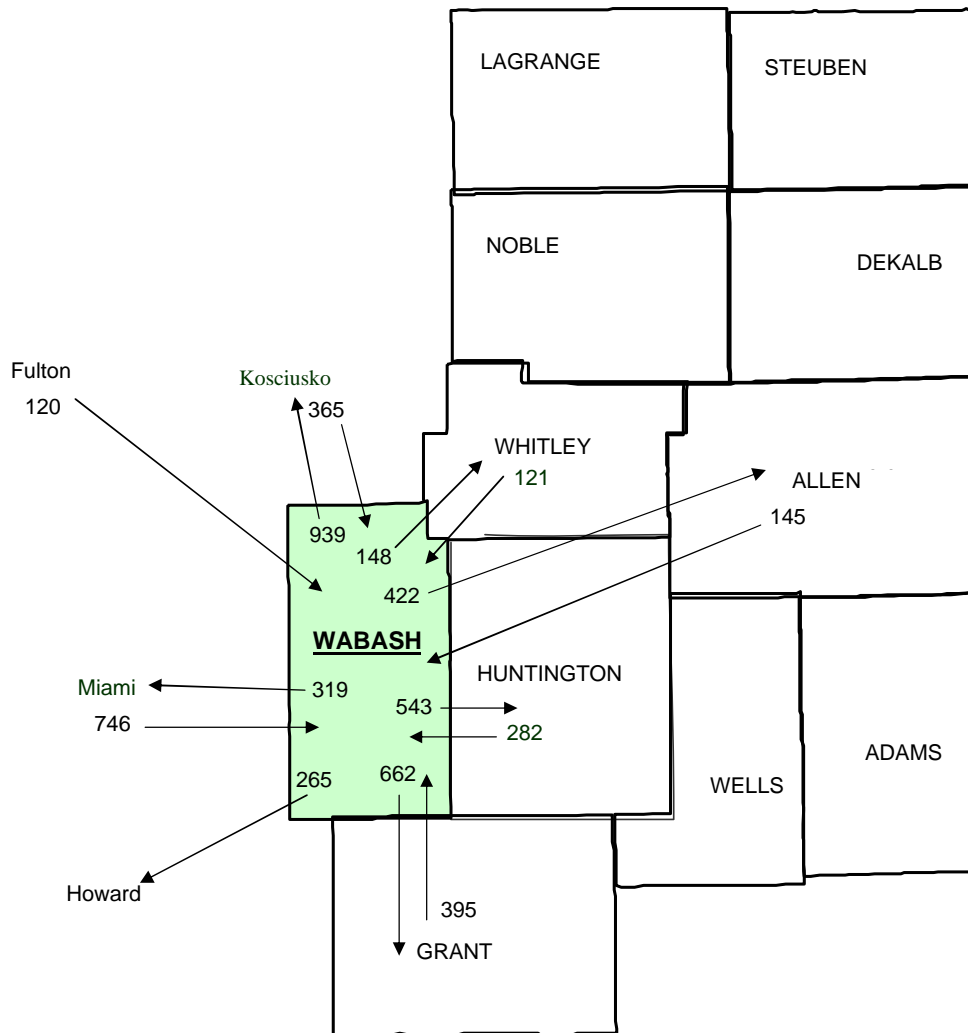


#### Top five counties receiving workers FROM Wabash County:



# COMMUTING PATTERNS MAP

## Wabash County



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue IT-40 Returns for Tax Year 2003. Report generated by STATS Indiana, January 26, 2005. Counts of under 100 are not included. Commuters to/ from IL, MI, KY, OH, WI, and PA are reported separately and are not included in the 'Out of State' category.

## LABOR FORCE INFORMATION

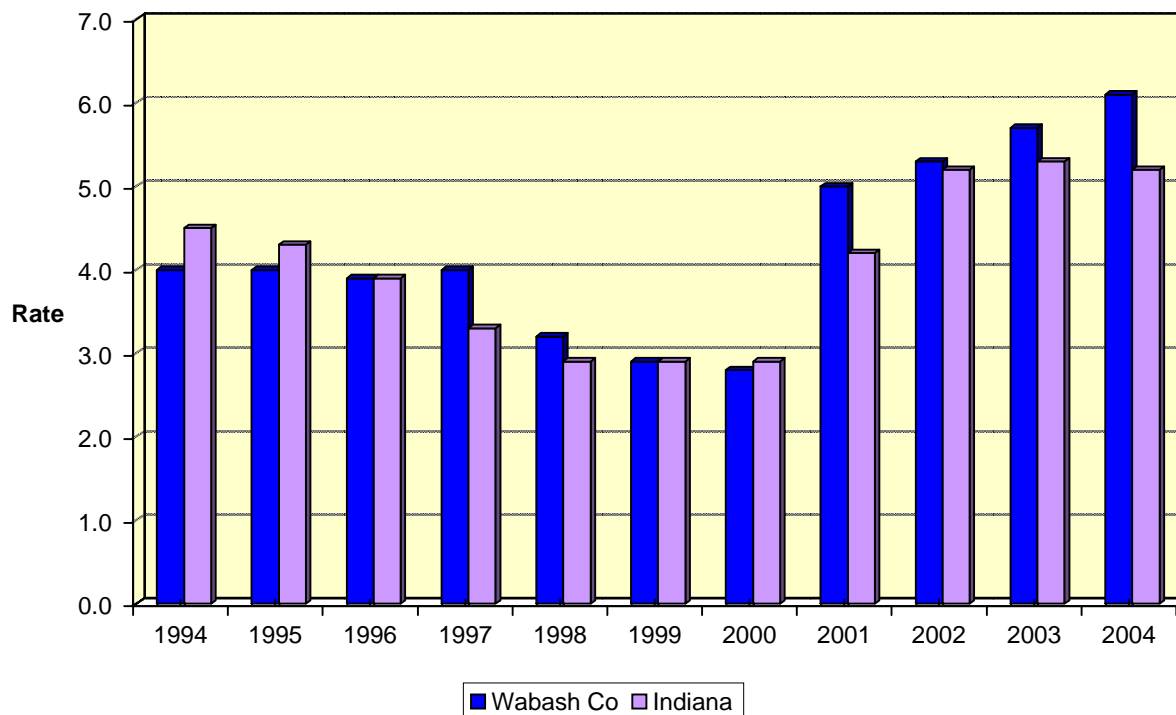
### WABASH COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Wabash Co RATE	Indiana RATE
<b>1994</b>	18,500	17,760	740	4.0	4.5
<b>1995</b>	18,400	17,650	750	4.0	4.3
<b>1996</b>	17,870	17,170	700	3.9	3.9
<b>1997</b>	17,790	17,080	710	4.0	3.3
<b>1998</b>	17,630	17,060	570	3.2	2.9
<b>1999</b>	17,700	17,180	520	2.9	2.9
<b>2000</b>	18,240	17,720	520	2.8	2.9
<b>2001</b>	18,170	17,260	910	5.0	4.2
<b>2002</b>	17,790	16,850	940	5.3	5.2
<b>2003</b>	17,700	16,700	1,000	5.7	5.3
<b>2004</b>	17,480	16,410	1,070	6.1	5.2

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.


### AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE Wabash County vs. Indiana 1994-2004



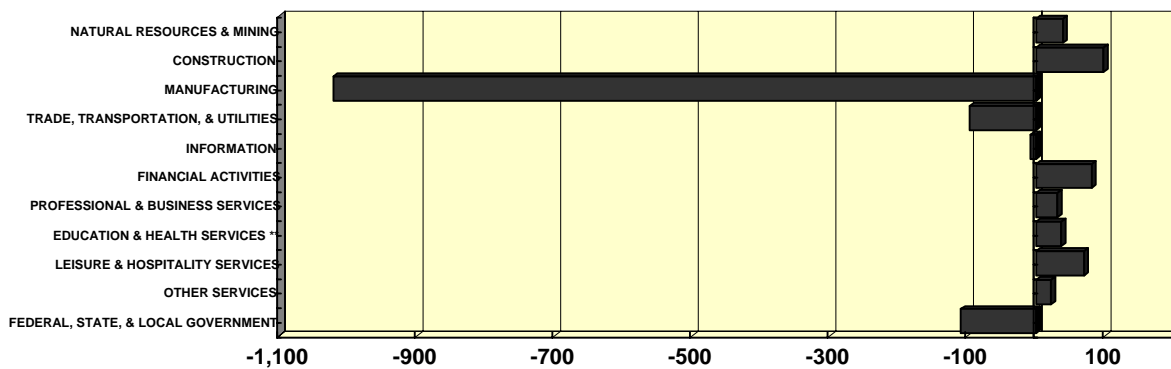
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Reflects new modeling approach and reestimation as of March 2005.

## INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

### WABASH COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

 <b>INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*</b>	<b>2004 AVG. NO. OF FIRMS</b>	<b>AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT</b>				<b>NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004</b>	<b>PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004</b>
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>14,243</b>	<b>13,863</b>	<b>13,651</b>	<b>13,483</b>	<b>-760</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; MINING</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting		<i>Confidential</i>					
Mining		<i>Confidential</i>					
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>23.7%</b>
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>4,653</b>	<b>4,441</b>	<b>-1,021</b>	<b>-18.7%</b>
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, &amp; UTILITIES</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>
Wholesale Trade	43	351	385	397	412	61	17.4%
Retail Trade	132	1,471	1,438	1,373	1,332	-139	-9.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	24	140	110	108	119	-21	-15.0%
Utilities	5	47	47	46	50	3	6.4%
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
Finance & Insurance	39	364	357	362	357	-7	-1.9%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	29	105	102	178	192	87	82.9%
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Professional & Technical Services	49	181	203	191	192	11	6.1%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3	43	41	45	43	0	0.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	20	147	132	158	167	20	13.6%
<b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH SERVICES **</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Educational Services **	17	1,570	1,599	1,378	1,386	-184	-11.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	72	1,729	1,722	1,959	1,950	221	12.8%
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY SERVICES</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	7	134	143	135	124	-10	-7.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	65	827	891	910	908	81	9.8%
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>-109</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>

### Change in Wabash County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



\* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System.

\*\* Includes private and government employment in this industry.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

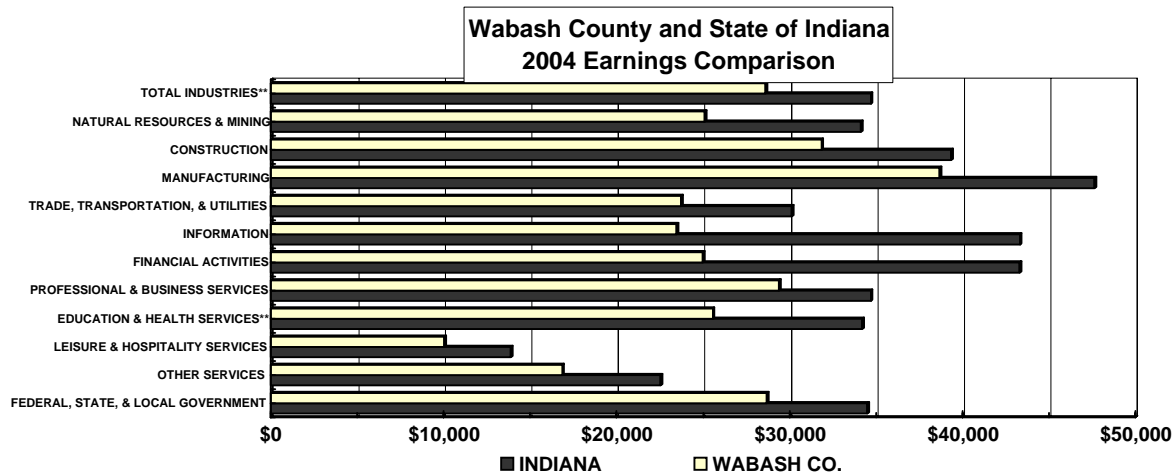
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# INDUSTRY EARNINGS

## WABASH COUNTY EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	WABASH COUNTY AVG. ANNUAL						STATE OF INDIANA 2004 WAGES	2004 WABASH CO. % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
	2001 WAGES	2002 WAGES	2003 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004 DOLLARS	PERCENT		
<b>TOTAL INDUSTRIES**</b>	\$26,769	\$27,480	\$27,943	\$28,603	\$1,834	6.9%	\$34,693	-21.3%
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; MINING</b>	\$24,290	\$24,293	\$24,656	\$25,085	\$795	3.3%	\$34,117	-36.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	<i>Confidential</i>						\$25,490	
Mining	<i>Confidential</i>						\$49,836	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	\$28,929	\$30,934	\$28,651	\$31,849	\$2,920	10.1%	\$39,343	-23.5%
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	\$34,009	\$35,862	\$37,671	\$38,682	\$4,673	13.7%	\$47,638	-23.2%
<b>TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, &amp; UTILITIES</b>	\$21,307	\$22,421	\$23,091	\$23,726	\$2,419	11.4%	\$30,126	-27.0%
Wholesale Trade	\$34,309	\$36,304	\$37,104	\$38,597	\$4,288	12.5%	\$46,107	-19.5%
Retail Trade	\$17,029	\$17,539	\$17,613	\$17,730	\$701	4.1%	\$21,445	-21.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$24,296	\$25,138	\$27,456	\$26,923	\$2,627	10.8%	\$35,135	-30.5%
Utilities	\$48,875	\$51,695	\$55,046	\$53,147	\$4,272	8.7%	\$62,844	-18.2%
<b>INFORMATION</b>	\$22,926	\$23,020	\$23,712	\$23,465	\$539	2.4%	\$43,315	-84.6%
<b>FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	\$26,201	\$25,684	\$23,923	\$24,991	-\$1,210	-4.6%	\$43,304	-73.3%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,258	\$28,756	\$29,417	\$31,035	\$1,777	6.1%	\$48,404	-56.0%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$15,572	\$14,945	\$12,777	\$13,723	-\$1,849	-11.9%	\$28,852	-110.2%
<b>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES</b>	\$27,170	\$28,081	\$28,782	\$29,393	\$2,223	8.2%	\$34,701	-18.1%
Professional & Technical Services	\$28,712	\$28,032	\$29,088	\$30,784	\$2,072	7.2%	\$45,324	-47.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$24,897	\$22,837	\$21,845	\$19,051	-\$5,846	-23.5%	\$66,811	-250.7%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$25,932	\$29,778	\$30,368	\$30,457	\$4,525	17.4%	\$22,727	25.4%
<b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTH SERVICES**</b>	\$24,436	\$25,003	\$25,245	\$25,558	\$1,122	4.6%	\$34,206	-33.8%
Educational Services**	\$27,798	\$27,285	\$28,294	\$28,547	\$749	2.7%	\$33,107	-16.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance**	\$21,385	\$22,884	\$23,100	\$23,433	\$2,048	9.6%	\$34,965	-49.2%
<b>LEISURE &amp; HOSPITALITY SERVICES</b>	\$9,452	\$9,564	\$9,544	\$10,034	\$582	6.2%	\$13,875	-38.3%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$14,111	14,099	\$13,792	\$15,336	\$1,225	8.7%	\$25,802	-68.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$8,696	8,835	\$8,914	\$9,309	\$613	7.0%	\$11,574	-24.3%
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	\$15,354	\$17,003	\$16,197	\$16,862	\$1,508	9.8%	\$22,543	-33.7%
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, &amp; LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	\$27,058	\$27,501	\$28,206	\$28,670	\$1,612	6.0%	\$34,484	-20.3%



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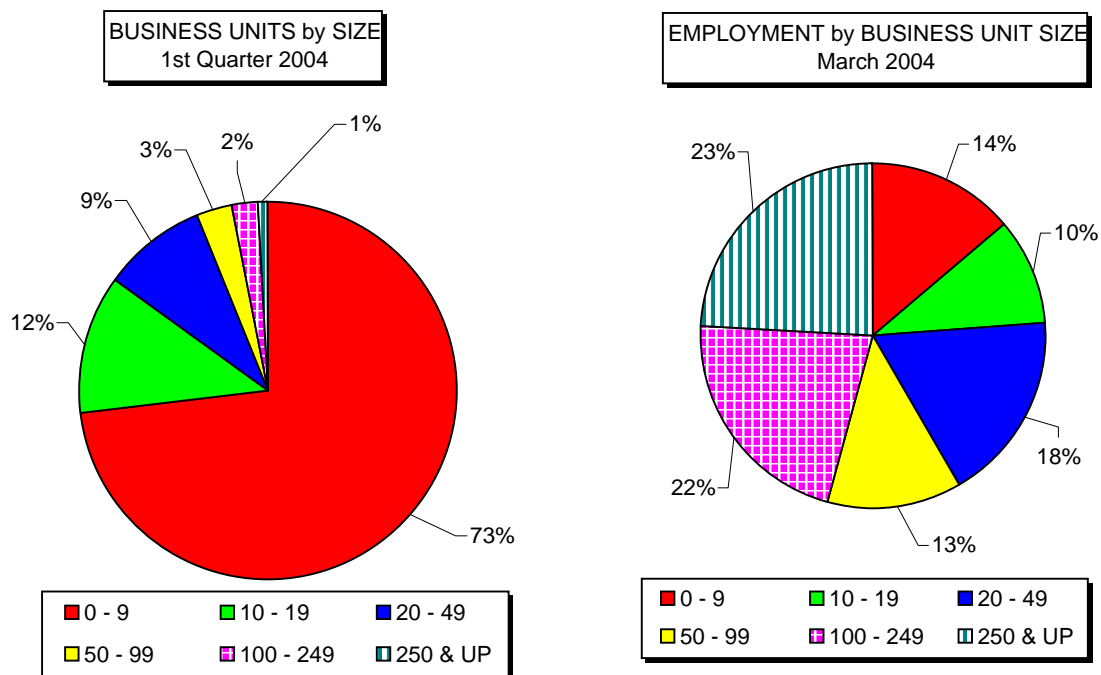
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## FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

### WABASH COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

UNIT SIZE (Number Employed)	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE March 2004
0 - 9	596	1,849
10 - 19	98	1,305
20 - 49	74	2,350
50 - 99	25	1,680
100 - 249	17	2,858
250 & UP	7	3,206
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>13,248</b>

Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.



SOURCE: Covered Employment, Research & Analysis, Indiana Department of Workforce Development



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For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

*Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.*

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be aggregating economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

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The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

**Natural Resources & Mining** includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

**Construction**

**Manufacturing**

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities** includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

**Information** includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

**Financial Activities** includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

**Professional & Business Services** includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

**Education & Health Services** includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

**Leisure & Hospitality** includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

**Other Services** includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

**Federal, State & Local Government** includes total government employment.

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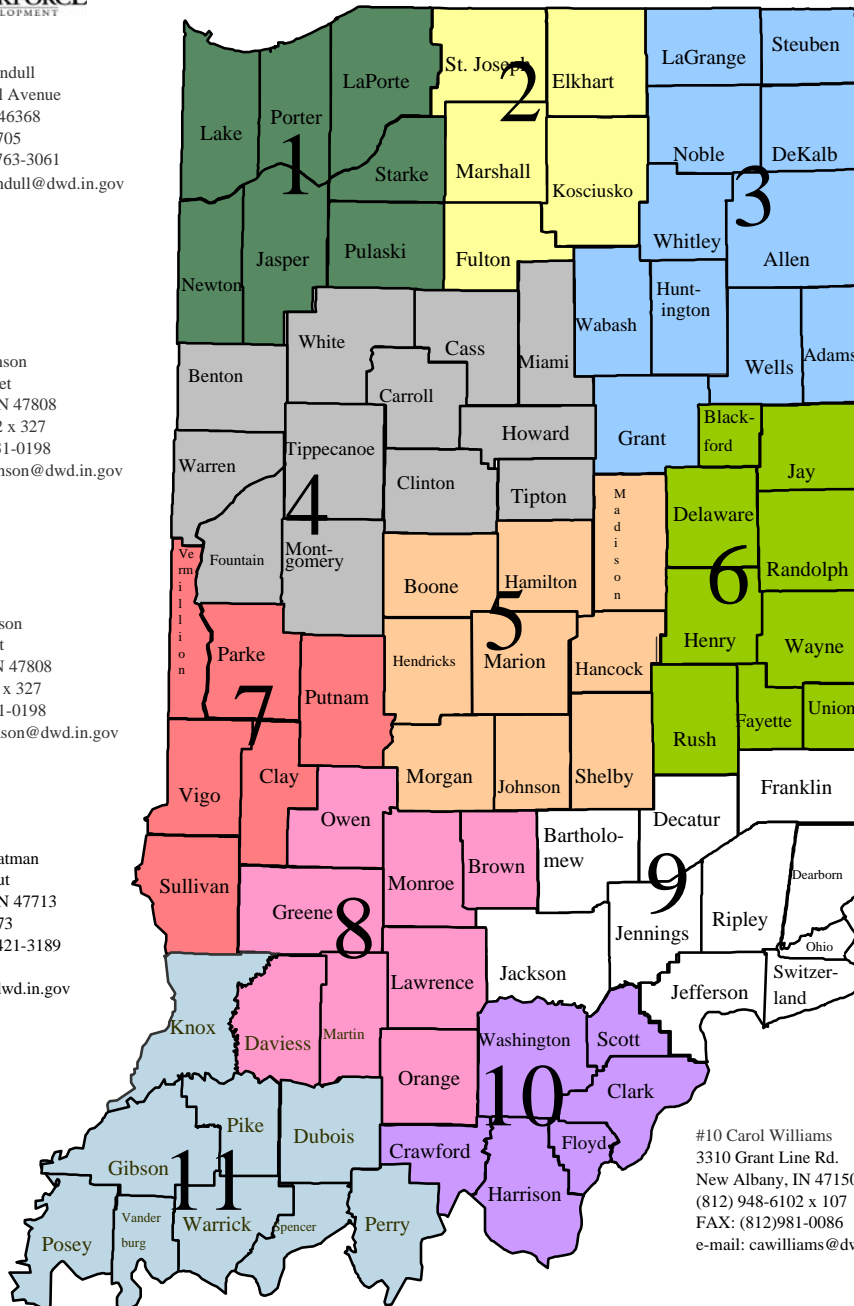
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